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COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended May 12, 1903. Present officially estimated population, not obtainable; number of deaths from smallpox during the week, 2; number of deaths from other causes, 2; prevailing diseases, smallpox and malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected with smallpox. The number of cases is not known. An isolation hospital has been established and has 5 cases at present. A house-to-house inspection will be made in the next day or so, and the exact situation will be known. There are no less than 25 cases, probably more.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 6	Taunton.....	23	0	0	0
7	Fort Gaines.....	23	0	0	0
9	Mount Vernon.....	21	0	0	0
9	Snyg.....	13	0	0	0

Smallpox situation at Bocas del Toro.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports, May 12, as follows: The local government officials have tried without success to control the situation. A few days ago the mayor called a meeting of all the local physicians and asked that they take whatever steps they saw fit. An isolation hospital has been established, and a thorough disinfection of all infected houses will be made. A capable man has been secured to superintend all the work in this line. Virus has been ordered, and compulsory vaccination will be carried out as soon as it arrives.

COSTA RICA.

Reports from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows: Week ended May 7, 1903. Census population, 4,000; number of deaths, 7; number of cases of yellow fever, 2; prevailing diseases, malaria and yellow fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, poor.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 1	Chickahominy.....	43	5	0	0
2	Preston.....	28	0	0	0
3	Olympia.....	37	0	0	0
4	Alleghany.....	44	8	0	0
4	Taunton.....	23	0	0	0
6	Harald.....	19	0	0	0
7	Venus.....	27	0	0	0